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SUBJ: VISAS FOR AMERICAN SCHOOL TEACHERS

REF: KARACHI'S TELEX OF 7/26/76 (NOTAL, STATE 179136,
ISLAMABAD 7450

1. EMBASSY CONSOFF MET WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL
7/28/76 ON STATUS OF THE VARIOUS VISA APPLICATIONS FOR
KARACHI AND ISLAMABAD AMERICAN SCHOOL TEACHERS. SITUATION
HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY EXTREME DELAYS, SOME OF WHICH HAVE
JUST COME TO LIGHT, AND BELIEVE VIGOROUS ACTION ON PART OF
BOTH EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT WILL BE NECESSARY IF TEACHERS ARE
TO ARRIVE ON TIME. EMBASSY PLANS TO RAISE MATTER WITH MFA
CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BY TOMORROW; REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO DO
SAME WITH EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN ASAP.

2. VISA FOR MRS. MAUREEN DOOLEY WAS APPROVED BY INTERIOR
MINISTRY'S NOTE NO. 4/33/76-VISA ON MAY 5, 1976, WHICH
SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT BY MAIL TO PAK EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
HOWEVER, MFA AGREED TO CONFIRM AUTHORIZATION BY TELEX
WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY NOTIFIED THE MFA BY LETTER ON
JUNE 18, 1976, THAT JAMES DOOLEY'S VISA APPLICATION HAD
NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN RECIEVED. MFA TELEXED EMBASSY WASHINGTON
ON JULY 3, 1976, TO REQUEST THAT THE APPLICATIONS BE
FORWARDED TO PAKISTAN. THEY SAID THEY WERE STILL AWAITING
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REPLY TO THIS TELEX.

4. LONNIE AND CAROLYN KITTERER AND TWO CHILDREN APPLIED FOR VISAS APRIL 14 IN WASHINGTON. THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE IN A LIMBO SIMILAR TO DOOLEY, IN THAT INTERIOR STATED ON JUNE 18 THAT APPLICATIONS STILL HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED, AND MFA HAS NOT RECEIVED AN ANSWER TO ITS JULY 3 TELEX TO EMBASSY WASHINGTON CONFIRMING WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAD BEEN SENT.

5. RICHARD AND ROSSANN LEWIS APPLIED FOR VISAS ON JULY 7 IN NEW YORK; THEIR APPLICATIONS WERE NOT RECEIVED IN MFA UNTIL JULY 27. THEY ARE BEING FORWARDED TO MINISTRY INTERIOR; MFA STATED THAT IT WOULD TAKE "AT MOST" TWO WEEKS TO GET AUTHORIZATION, WHICH EMBASSY FEELS IS OPTIMISTIC TO SAY THE LEAST. MFA HAS INITIATED ACTION ON ERIC AND GAIL VAN ADELSBURG AND STEVEN AND BARBARA PRIGOHZY AND DEPENDENTS, BUT CANNOT PREDICT WHEN VISAS WILL BE READY. EMBASSY CONTACTING PRIGOHZY DIRECTLY CONCERNING HIS CASE.

MFA REPORTS THAT A VISA FOR ELIZABETH PATTERSON WAS AUTHORIZED MAY 5, AND THAT VISAS FOR MR. & MRS. REGINALD LEE, MR. & MRS. RAYMOND RIDEOUT, AND MR. & MRS. WAYNE HAMEL WERE AUTHORIZED ON JUNE 18, 1976. IF THERE ARE STILL ANY PROBLEMS WITH THESE VISAS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

7. ACCORDING TO COMMERCIAL CABLE RECEIVED AT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, SUPERINTENDENT PRIGOHZY HAS RECENTLY HIRED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TEACHERS: MR. TERENCE ELDERWIFE; MS. DIANE BEATON; MS. ELLA TAYLOR, MS. FRANCINE WEINBAUM, AND MS. MAMIE SUE BURTON. MFA HAS NO RECORD OF THEIR VISA APPLICATIONS. IN VIEW OF THE MONTH IT TAKES FOR VISA APPLICATIONS TO REACH ISLAMABAD FROM PAK EMBASSY WASHINGTON, RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT STRONGLY URGE PAK EMBASSY TO SEND APPLICATIONS BY TELEX IMMEDIATELY.
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